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Closure of the Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery in the Western Section of the South Peninsula District

Emergency Order 4-S-05-22

All waters of the Western Section of the South Peninsula District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. January 24, 2022. Inseason catch reports indicate the Western Section guideline harvest level (GHL) will be attained at the time of the closure.

All pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Open and unbaited pots may be stored in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 72 hours after the closure. After 72 hours, all pots must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/

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